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14 OCTOBER 1983CSS-3 ICBM AND GSE TRANSFER OPERATION
DELINGHA SSM RTP, CHINA (SWN)

1. SIGNIFICANCE: AN APPARENT DELIVERY OF CSS-3 MISSILE GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (GSE) AND A PROBABLE CSS-3 AIRFRAME WAS IN PROGRESS ON AT DELINGHA SSM RTP. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE CSS-3 LAUNCHER (ERECTOR AND LAUNCH STAND) HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN TRANSIT WITH THE AIRFRAME TRANSPORTERS. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: THE GSE CONSISTED OF A CSS-3 ERECTOR IN TRAVEL MODE (FORWARD AND REAR SECTION), A CANVAS-COVERED CSS-3 FIRST STAGE TRANSPORTER, A CANVAS-COVERED CSS-3 SECOND STAGE TRANSPORTER, AND A CSS-3 LAUNCH STAND ON TRANSPORTER. THIS GSE WAS ON THE SIDING OF THE NORTHERNMOST RAIL SPUR. THE RAISED CANVAS OVER THE TRANSPORTERS INDICATED THAT THEY CARRIED MISSILE AIRFRAMES. TWO TYPE A, ONE TYPE B, AND FOUR SUPPORT RAILCARS WERE ON THE RAIL SPUR. FOURTEEN FLATCARS WERE ON THE SOUTHERNMOST RAIL SPUR. THIS WAS THE FIRST GSE, OTHER THAN RAILCARS, OBSERVED AT THIS RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSFER POINT (RTP) AND PROBABLY REPRESENTS A MISSILE DELIVERY TO THE DELINGHA/DA QAIDAM DEPLOYMENT AREA. A MISSILE TRAIN WAS AT THE RTP DURING AUGUST, INDICATING A DELIVERY, BUT NO GSE WAS OBSERVED AT THAT TIME. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS: IT CANNOT BE CONCLUSIVELY DETERMINED WHETHER THIS ACTIVITY IS A SHIPMENT TO OR FROM DELINGHA. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT THE ACTIVITY REPRESENTED A MISSILE AND GSE DELIVERY, POSSIBLY FROM HAIYAN SSM FIELD TRAINING FACILITY . THIS WOULD INDICATE THE IMMINENT ACTIVATION OF ONE OF THE SIX DELINGHA/DA QAIDAM LAUNCH SITES OR ACTIVATION OF A FIELD TRANSPORTABLE LAUNCH UNIT BASED AT DELINGHA SSM REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT AREA A

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DURING LATE SEPTEMBER, A CSS-3 ERECTOR IN TRAVEL MODE WAS IDENTIFIED AT HAIYAN. IT WAS EITHER REMOVED FROM THE FACILITY OR WAS MOVED INTO A CHECKOUT/STORAGE BUILDING (SWN)

SINCE CSS-3 GSE HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT THE DELINGHA REGIMENT SUPPORT FACILITY SINCE 1980, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE EQUIPMENT SEEN AT THE RTP WAS BEING LOADED FOR SHIPMENT TO ANOTHER FACILITY. THE HAIYAN TRAINING FACILITY WOULD BE A LIKELY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE GSE SHIPPED FROM DELINGHA FOR CREW TRAINING. (SWN)

3. COORDINATES 37-21-00N 097-22-22E (S)

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